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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-3300)

DATE: May 24, 1972

FROM :  Correlation Clerk

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SUBJECT: GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI, aka  
"Fiddles" Fidanzi, Guido Fidanzi,  
Guido J. Fidanzi, J. Guido Fidanzi,  
Guido Fadanzi, Guido Fedenzi,  
J. Guido Fedanzi, Guido Fidenzi,  
Guido Finanzzi, John Arealo, "Fiddles"  
"The Weed"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING -

This Correlation Memo contains all identical Criminal references: there were no identical Security references.

All 92-350 references are maintained in the C-1 Supervisor's Office.

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## I. GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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"Admit Vandalism, 3 Boys Sentenced to Clean Streets".

Three Chicago Heights youths who went on an auto-smashing spree were sentenced Wednesday to clean streets in the suburb every Saturday for a year.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] tavern, Ruths' Tap, where the boys said they were drinking beer before they smashed cars [redacted]  
[redacted]

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As an upshot of the case, GUIDO FIDANZI, 31, of 220 Arquilla, Chicago Heights, has been held to the Grand Jury on a charge of operating a confidence game.

FIDANZI is accused of taking \$500 from [redacted] on the pretense that he could fix the case.

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92-920-852-p.18-19

Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, Chicago, dated 8/14/63  
re: FRANK LA PORTE, aka.

[redacted] Postal Inspector, Kankakee, Illinois, advised SAS THOMAS W. PARRISH and [redacted] that near the end of 1961 several persons entered into a conspiracy to obtain merchandise thru fraud and deception. The scheme involved the opening of the Chicago Height Salvage Store at 245 East 16th Street, Chicago Heights, using the name Chicago Heights Railroad Salvage Store. Credit was established with several firms thru making relatively small credit purchases and quick settlement of the incurred debts. After the establishment of credit the various suppliers were given large orders which were filled on a credit basis because of purchases previously made. Other deceptive methods were also used to obtain merchandise on credit.

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On or about 2/28/63, the entire inventory of the store was removed to places unknown and the business dissolved. Invoices and testimony received establishes the amount of merchandise so obtained as being in excess of \$30,000. The actual amount is believed to be much higher.

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Among those involved in the scheme included:

GUIDO FIDENZI  
220 Arquilla Drive  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

92-920-907-p.66

[redacted] South Chicago Police  
Department advised on 9/11/63 that he has determined that the  
following list of license numbers are registered to the in-  
dividuals [redacted] by the  
LA PORTE Outfit.

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<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>TYPE OF CAR</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>
987 249	1960 Oldsmobile Black	GUIDO FADANZI (PH)

92-1371-64-p.2

Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, Chicago, dated 1/29/65  
re: JAMES CATUARA, aka.

On 11/22/64, PCI [redacted] advised SA ROBERT L.  
MALONE [redacted]

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Cleveland airtel to Chicago dated 11/23/64 re:  
WORLD WIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, WHEELING, ILLINOIS.

On 11/22/64, [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically contacted the Cleveland Division  
from Toledo, Ohio, and stated he had information concerning  
activities of the syndicate in Chicago.

[redacted] was interviewed at his home on 11/22/64  
by SA KELSEY A. LE BEAU, and advised [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

He advised [redacted]  
[redacted]

He stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted] advised [redacted]  
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[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
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He stated that [redacted]  
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He advised [REDACTED]

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He stated [REDACTED]

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He advised that [REDACTED]

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He stated that [REDACTED]

He stated there is to be an important meeting during the evening of [REDACTED]

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At this meeting will be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

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He advised that on the evening of [REDACTED]

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Report of SA ROBERT P. ROSIN. Chicago, dated 2/5/65 re: ET AL.  
CHANGED -- [REDACTED]

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On 11/23/64, the following vehicles were observed at the home of GUIDO FIDANZI, 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois:

1964 Cadillac, 1964 Illinois license SC 442, registered to [REDACTED]

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1964 Dodge, 1964 Illinois license, NK 3440, registered to [REDACTED] on a 1964 Buick.

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On 10/23/64, a 1964 Cadillac, black, was observed at FIDANZI' residence, with 1964 Illinois license NK 3439.

Springfield Office advised that on 11/5/64, [REDACTED] Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, made available his records, which indicated that passenger car application for 1964 Illinois license NK 3439 was issued 2/14/64 to GUIDO FIDANZI, 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a 1949 Willys Station Wagon.

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Letter dated 2/14/64, from GUIDO FIDANZI stated he has not used this Willys vehicle for the past six years, that it had been stored.

An application for Certificate of Title Only was issued 5/6/58, to GUIDO FIDANZI, 177 West 15th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a 1959 Willys Station Wagon.

[REDACTED] Driver' License Section, Secretary of State, advised 11/5/64, that Driver' License number F352-2902-7294, was issued 12/26/62 to GUIDO JOSEPH FIDANZI, 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This license expires 10/15/66, and described him as 5'9" tall, 190 pounds, brown hair and eyes, birth 10/15/27.

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[REDACTED]  
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On 5/25/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Colorado, was contacted at the executive offices of this race track by SAs DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS and WILLIAM J. MALONE.



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[redacted] stated that he first heard of Pikes Peak Meadows Race Track approximately one year ago when one [redacted] mentioned it to him. He stated he [redacted]

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[redacted] He was introduced to [redacted] whose photograph he identified and [redacted]. He stated [redacted]

He stated [redacted]

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92-1808-9-p.3

On 8/6/65, PCI [redacted] advised SA ROBERT L. MALONE that GUIDO FEDANZI [redacted]. He stated FEDANZI [redacted]

15-0-3871-p.1

On 8/18/65, [redacted] advised SA AUGUST C. KEMPF that he had been associating with GUIDO FEDANZI from Chicago Heights. GUIDO' [redacted] is an old acquaintance of Informant.

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[redacted] Informant could not recall this address but stated that [redacted]

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On 8/24/65, Informant said [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] According to Informant, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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92-920-1271

On 9/1-23/65, [redacted] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he will not testify to any information furnished.

He advised that FRANK LA PORTE organization controls

[redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] GUIDO FIDANZI and [redacted] They  
also own or control R.B. Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road,  
Chicago Heights, Illinois. FIDANZI has also been observed on  
several occasions with an individual that is employed with the  
[redacted] Informant  
does not know the purpose of such meetings.

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Informant advised that there is some speculation in the Chicago Heights area that gambling is again being permitted by the local government. Recently the town has been suffering a series of burglaries. A deal was made that there would be no more burglaries if a couple of gambling joints were allowed to operate. He does not know the location of any games.

[redacted]  
PCI

92-1371-83-p.1,2-3

On 9/2,6,8 and 24/65, PCI [redacted] advised SA ROBERT L. MALONE he received a phone call at his home in [redacted] from [redacted]

[redacted]  
On 9/1/65, [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
Informant [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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On 9/6/65, Informant advised as follows:

On Friday, 9/3/65, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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EXCERPT:

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[REDACTED]

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On 9/15/65, [REDACTED] advised SA AUGUST C. KEMPF he has been in contact with GUIDO FIDANZI of Chicago Heights. FIDANZI is associated with R B Collections, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TONY MONTELLA, the uncle of GUIDO runs the Keynote Club, 108 East 22nd Street.

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FIDANZI is also associated with ED O'BRIEN, a "fence", described as about 72 years old, 5' tall.

GUIDO claims to be close to [REDACTED]

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GUIDO stated that JIMMY CATUARA is going to [REDACTED]

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Report of SA EUGENE I. SATHER, Chicago, dated 3/18/66  
re: JAMES VINCENT TORELLO, JR.

During the search of [REDACTED]

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on the morning of [REDACTED]

SA LENARD A. WOLF observed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 11/23/65, [REDACTED] advised that JAMES CATUARA is presently working out of R & B Collection Agency, Prudential Building, Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois. This mortgage and collection agency [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also working for this agency is GUIDO FIDANZI, a hoodlum from Chicago Heights. According to CI this company has a great deal of money and while conducting a legitimate loan and collection business on the surface it will also conduct a "juice" business on the side.

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92-1730-18-p.3

Report of SA THOMAS W. PARRISH, Chicago, dated 1/7/66  
re: FRANK FRANZE, aka.

On 12/7/65, [redacted] advised  
that he [redacted]

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He is employed as [redacted]  
[redacted] and acquainted with fellow employee named [redacted]  
[redacted] (PH). [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] an individual he  
identified thru photos as FRANK FRANZE.

FRANZE indicated to [redacted]

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[redacted] subsequently interviewed by Cook County Sheriff'  
Police [redacted]

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"Chicago Tribune"  
3\* Final Edition  
12/24/65  
p.2,c.4

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"Fire Bailiff on Charges of 'Con Game'".

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[redacted] by Sheriff [redacted]  
[redacted] last night after [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] was  
charged with official misconduct and theft by threat.

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Also arrested was [redacted]  
[redacted]

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The arrests and issuance of warrants climaxed an  
investigation which began last month after [redacted]  
[redacted]

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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

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On unknown date (block stamped 3/10/66), the Illinois  
State Police furnished SA KENNETH GRANT with a report dated  
[redacted]

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Cook County Sheriff' Office  
Homewood, Illinois

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On 6/2/66, [REDACTED] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that GUIDO FIDANZI is known as "FIDDLES". He said that FIDANZI is still working for JIMMY CATUARA at the collection office on Halsted Street, phone 264-4004. [REDACTED] advised that FIDANZI's home phone is 754-2738.

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On 6/28/66, [REDACTED] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that [REDACTED]

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The above information should not be reported in any report being disseminated to any other agency since the information could easily lead to the identification of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 7/6/66, [REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED], dated 7/3/66 re: Possible Syndicate Infiltration into Federal Highway Building Fund and Medicare Ambulance and Oxygen Funds.

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EXCERPT:

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[REDACTED]  
FIDANZI is defendant in [REDACTED] case docketed as  
#65L-27264. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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On 7/18/66, [REDACTED] advised SA LEANRD A. WOLF that he had been in contact with GUIDO FIDANZE at the R & B Collection Offices on 7/17/66. [REDACTED] said that JIMMY CATUARA has his own private office at R & B Company and that there is also a separate room which meetings of the "board of directors".

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Informant mentioned to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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On 8/1/66, [REDACTED] advised SA LEANRD A. WOLF that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said that FIORE  
BUCCIARI, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA and GUIDO FIDANZI were sitting together in the restaurant.

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Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in the memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.

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On 8/16/66, [ ] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that GUIDO FIDANZI had contacted him [ ]

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92-1371-128-p.2

On 9/14/66, [ ] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that [ ] can be seen [ ] at GUIDO FIDANZI and JAMES CATUARA' office, the R & B Collection Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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He said that [ ] is working with FIDANZI on various swindles in the Chicago area.

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On 10/7/66, [ ] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that [ ]

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[REDACTED]

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Extreme care should be utilized in using any of the information contained in this memorandum in order to protect the source who is in a most sensitive position.

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Letter to FBI, Chicago, dated 10/17/66 from [REDACTED]

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Letter addressed to CARLTON WOLFARTH, and stated that [REDACTED] received a phone call and the caller said

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[REDACTED]

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Letter stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] they received many threats on the phone at all

[REDACTED]  
they did not receive any.

He is asking that the FBI and Attorney General's Office to tap their phone so that they can hear the threats that are being made on his life.

Letter stated the threat of death is being made [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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92-1371-138

On 11/5, 28/66, [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he recently heard that GUIDO FEDANZI of the R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois, is in serious trouble with JAMES CATUARA and is being pushed

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out of control of the operation.

Informant advised that [redacted] who operates the [redacted]

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Informant will not testify to information furnished.

52-4985-1-p.C-D

Report of SA [redacted] Indianapolis, dated 12/27/66 re: UNSUB Theft of Copper from Bridgeport Brass Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, valued at \$100,000.

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In a letter dated 11/22/66, Cincinnati advised designated offices of the following information:

On 11/16/66, [redacted] advised SA THOMAS P. SCOLLARD he believed he had information concerning a large quantity of solid copper electrical wire which may have been stolen.

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[redacted] SA SCOLLARD and his identity should be protected outside the Bureau. [redacted] is employed by [redacted]

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[redacted] explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted] that [redacted] FIDANZI, R & B Collection Agency, Chicago Heights, Illinois, was selling large quantities of wire.

[redacted] stated he contacted the person named [redacted]

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On 1/17/67, [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that on a recent Saturday night he was having dinner at the Athen Cafe on Halsted Street in Chicago and observed GUIDO FIDANZI, JIMMY CATUARA, BILLY DAUBER, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (PH) with their wives having a dinner party. When they left it appeared that FIDANZI picked up the check for the entire group.

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Informant will not testify under information furnished.

52-4985-2-p.1

Chicago memo to SAC, Indianapolis, dated 2/27/67  
re: UNSUB: Theft of Copper from Bridgeport Brass Company,  
Indianapolis, Indiana, Value at \$100,000.

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/27/66 at  
Indianapolis.

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[REDACTED] Chicago Heights, Illinois Police  
Department advised SA [REDACTED] on 2/21/67, that he  
knows of no [REDACTED] He advised, however, that GUIDO

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FIDANZI, who operates the R & B Collection Agency, [redacted] [redacted] He advised that FIDANZI is a known con-man and has been arrested by the Chicago Heights Police Department on several con charges, the most recent being the selling of a house for \$20,000, which FIDANZI did not own.

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[redacted] advised that FIDANZI has been arrested numerous times by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, for swindling persons out of money.

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[redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Office, Homewood, advised 2/21/67, that his department presently has FIDANZI and others under indictment by Cook County Grand Jury on some eight charges of swindle. In each instant, FIDANZI represented he had certain merchandise for sale, and after receiving money from the purchase, failed to deliver such merchandise.

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He was first arrested by Sheriff's Office on 12/7/65, when he collected \$8,000 and failed to deliver a load of TV sets. In January, 1965, he was reported for collecting \$1,000 and failing to deliver fifty cases of liquor. He has been involved in a \$100,000 attempted swindle in a ski jump deal at Lemont, Illinois, and he has obtained several loads of meat from Rosebud Farms, 127th, Chicago, Illinois, without paying for same. The latest transaction in which FIDANZI has been involved occurred 5/2/66, when he was attempting to sell \$150,000 worth of slotted angles and steel shelving. He took the victim for \$9,280 in this deal.

92-1371-152

Memo to SAC, Chicago from SA THOMAS W. PARRISH dated 3/14/67 re: JAMES CATUARA.

On 2/28/67, [redacted] [redacted] advised that an employee in [redacted] [redacted] advised him that she was closely associated with GUIDO FIDANZI.

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FIDANZI approximately two years ago, was associated with [redacted] (PH), 10956 South Michigan. [redacted] [redacted] at the above address and FIDANZI frequently was observed in the office and appeared to be an employee.

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On 3/31/67, [redacted] was contacted at his place  
of business, [redacted] by SAs JOHN J. OITZINGER  
and MERLE B. HAMRE:

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He stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Informant stated that at the present time, FIDANZI,  
CATUARA and BILLY DAUBER are vacationing in Florida.

Informant [redacted]  
[redacted]

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COOK COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

92-1371-216-p.1,2

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On 3/20/67, [redacted] was contacted by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH at [redacted]

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He stated that [redacted].  
He stated that [redacted]

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JIMMY CATUARA, BILLY DAUBER and GUIDO FEDANZI had reservations.

Informant stated that DAUBER, FEDANZI and CARL CATUARA returned to Chicago. JAMES CATUARA will probably stay thru to the end of March.

Informant will not testify to any information furnished.

92-1371-158

Memo to SAC, Chicago from SAC, Miami, dated 3/22/67  
re: JAMES CATUARA.

[redacted] of the Castaways Motel, 16375 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA ROBERT A. COOK from records on 3/10/67 that GUIDO FIDANZI or TONY FIDANZI arrived at the Castaways as a guest 3/6/67. He furnished residence address as 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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WILLIAM E. DRAPER and [redacted] also checked in 3/6/67 and listed his address as 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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[redacted] further advised that three additional individuals who were in the same party with those listed above, namely [redacted] and GUIDO FIDANZI had arrived at the Castaways Motel as guests 3/8/67. [redacted] listed his address as [redacted] Illinois.

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] and [redacted] checked out 3/14/67 and [redacted] WILLIAM DRAPER and GUIDO FIDANZI checked out 3/16/67.

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[redacted] further stated that the total bill for the six individuals was approximately \$2,000 which amount was paid in cash.

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On 4/1-19/67 PCI [redacted] advised  
SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that [redacted]  
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[redacted]

Informant advised that [redacted] made very little  
comment regarding FIDANZI or CATUARA but that Informant  
expects to see [redacted] in the near future at which time he  
will attempt to solicit [redacted] regarding the activities of  
FIDANZI.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/17/67

[redacted] was contacted in [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago Heights, Illinois. He resides [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted]  
[redacted] He furnished the following  
information:

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On 5/12/67 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # 92-1371 - 1 / 6

by SAs JOSEPH L. SYLVESTER and  
THOMAS W. PARRISH/rms Date dictated 5/15/67

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and in addition, he felt ill and would like to terminate the interview. He agreed to recontact the FBI in the event [REDACTED], and stated there were numerous other details and individuals involved in his association with FIDANZI.

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On 10/2/67, [redacted] advised SA MERLE B. HAMRE that his present business venture [redacted]

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[redacted] JAMES  
CATUARA. [redacted] GUIDO  
FIDENZI in Chicago Heights.

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On 5/16/67, PCI [redacted] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he had recently learned that an unknown individual who is the owner or President of a steel fabricating company in Lansing, Illinois, had been "conned" out of \$30,000 by GUIDO FIDANZI of the R & B Collection Agency which is owned by CATUARA. This apparently occurred when the individual gave FIDANZI the money as a finders fee for obtaining a \$200,000 loan. Informant advised that the loan never materialized and FIDANZI has refused to return the money.

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Report of SA [redacted] Chicago, dated 5/22/67 re: CHANGED -- [redacted] aka.

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On 5/16/67, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and ROBERT P. ROSIN of the following:

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In February, 1967, while talking with a friend of his, [redacted] who resides in [redacted]

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On 3/6/66, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

He said FIDANZI drives a 1965 Cadillac Fleetwood  
1967 Illinois license PJ 9369. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 6/12/67, PCI [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he overheard from a source in a Chicago Heights bar that BILLY DAUBER, an associate of CATUARA, had recently thrown acid in the face of a Chicago Heights burglar, name unknown, because it was rumored that this individual was cooperating with local authorities in various areas. Informant stated that he is personally acquainted with DAUBER and knows that he is closely associated with GUIDO FIDANZI of the R & B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights. DAUBER is used primarily for "muscle" and frequently carries a concealed pistol on his person.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/67

[redacted] was interviewed at the Chicago Heights Resident Agency of the FBI, 1306 Halsted Street. He furnished the following information:

He has resided at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] He is  
currently employed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
telephone [REDACTED]

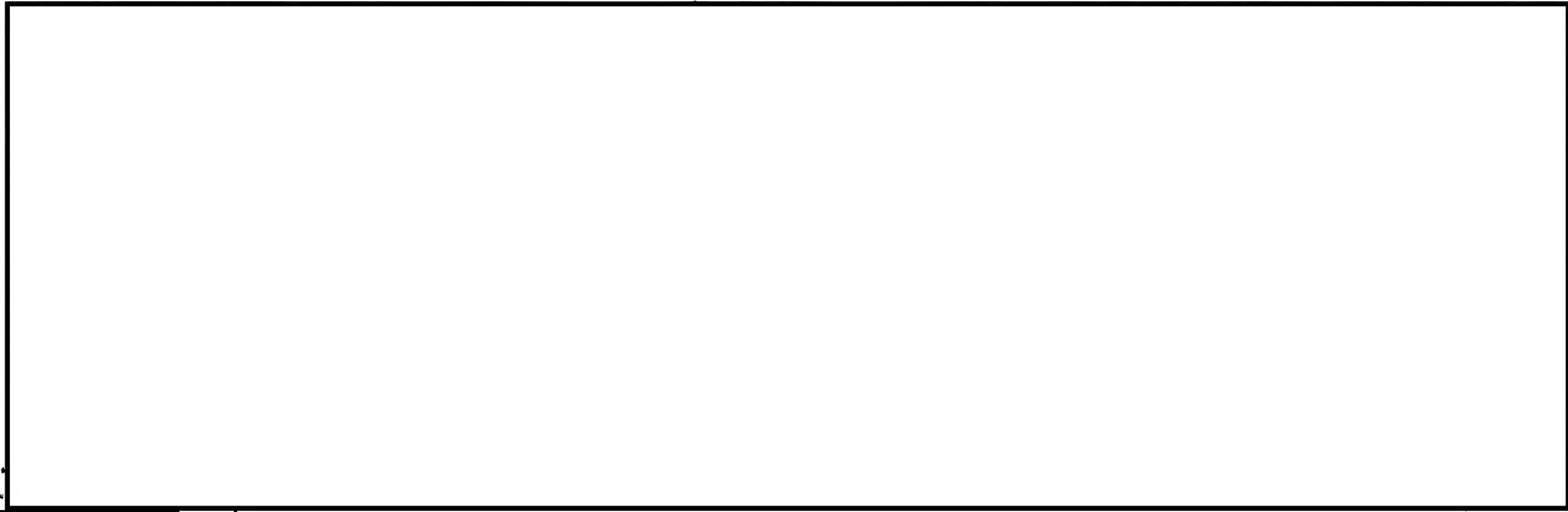
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On 6/12/67 at Chicago Heights, Illinois File # 92-1371 - 178  
by SA  and  
SA THOMAS W. PARRISH/ljs Date dictated 6/14/67

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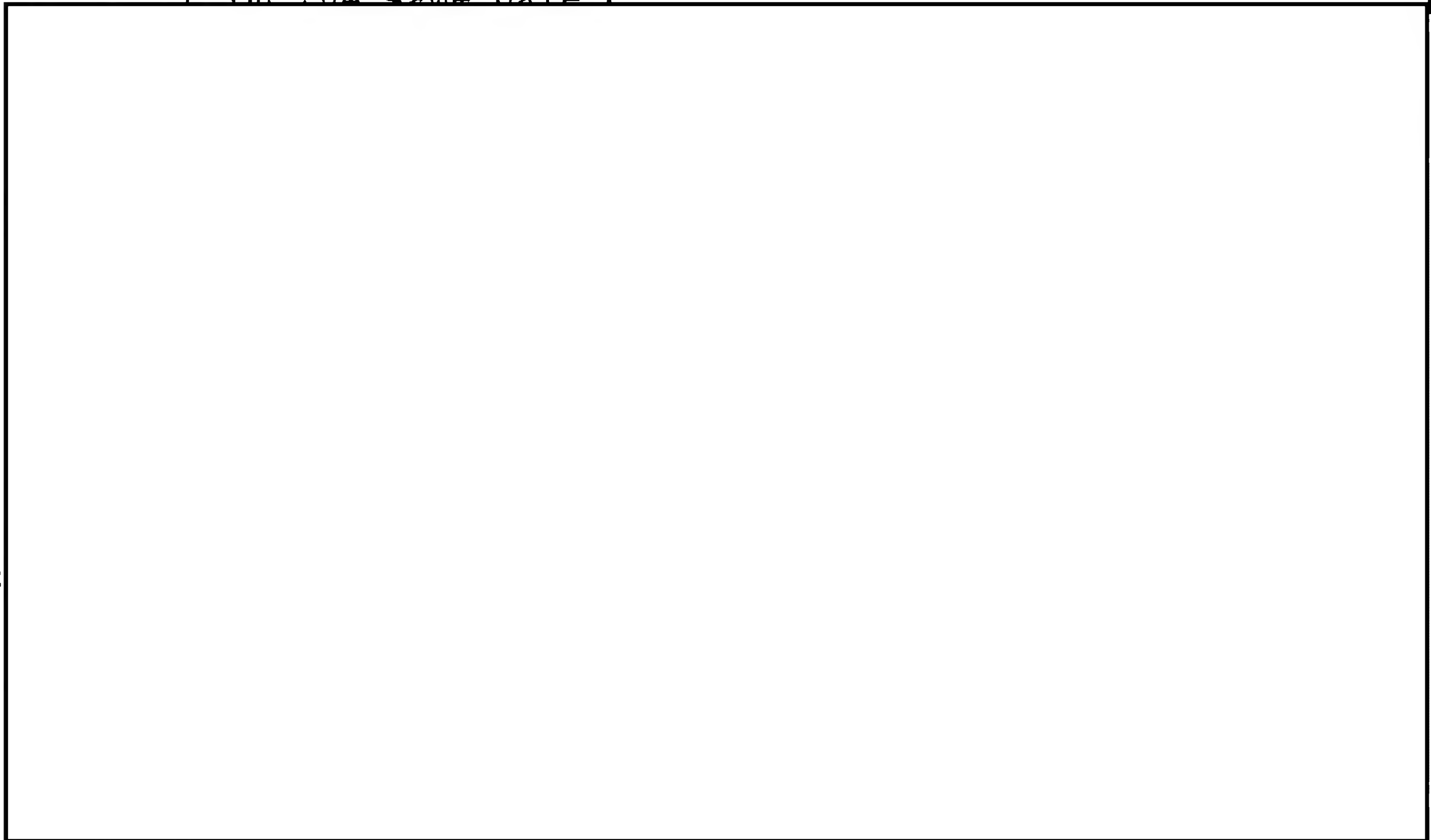
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[redacted] noted that [redacted]

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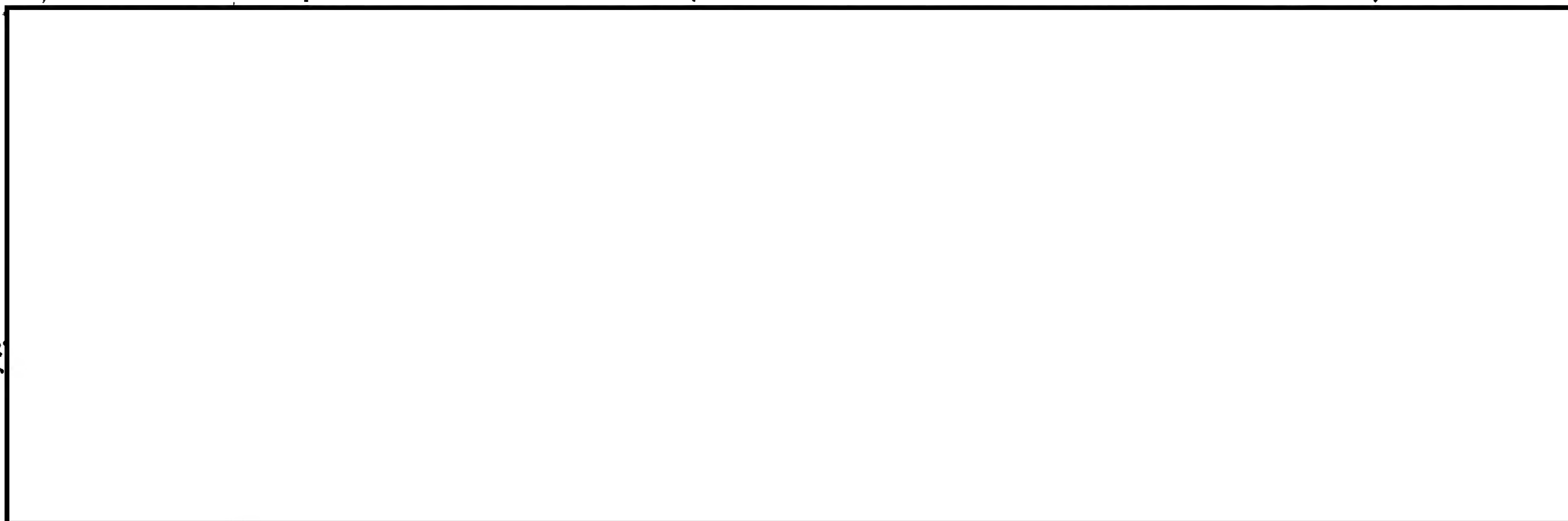
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FIDANZI further stated that [redacted]

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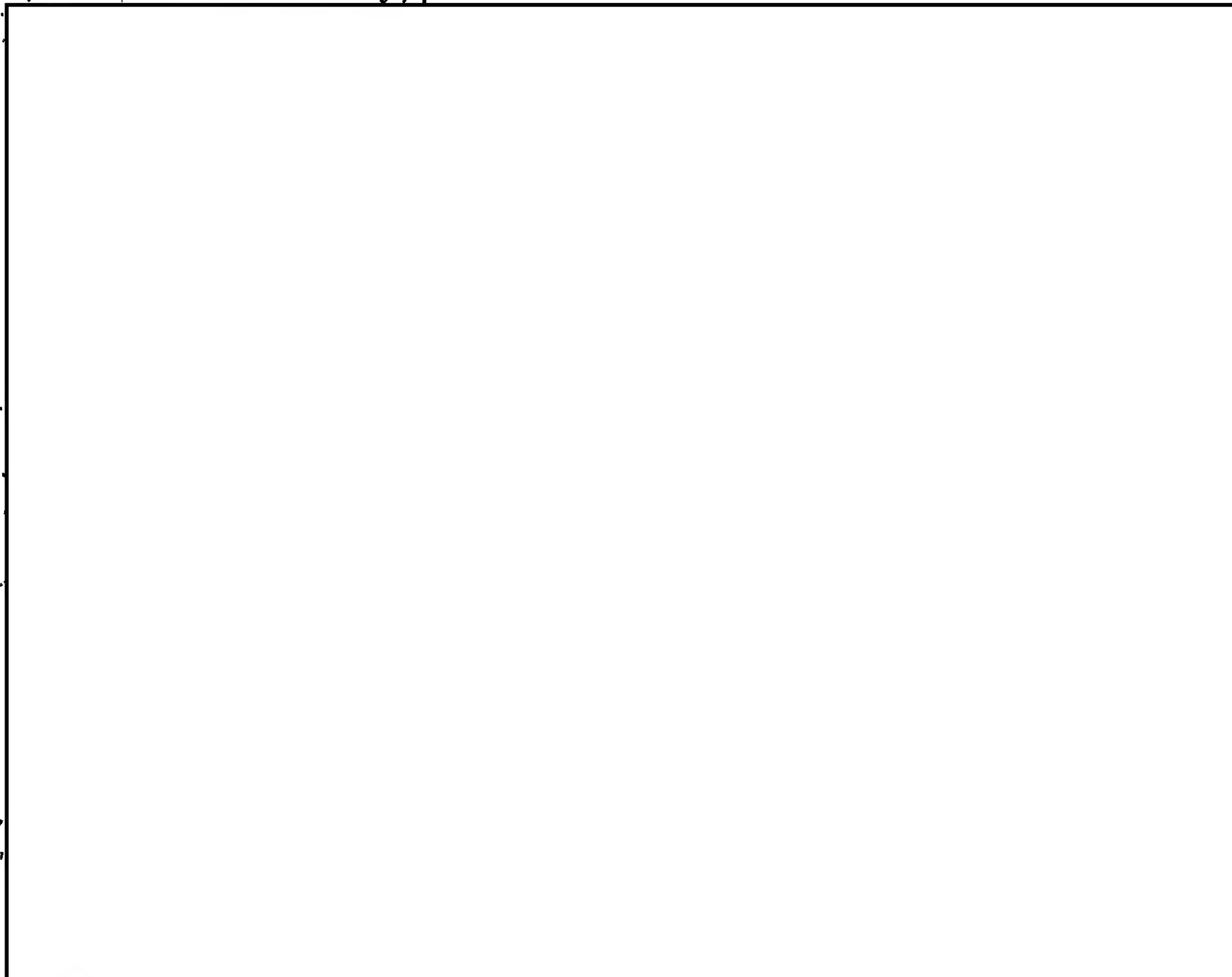
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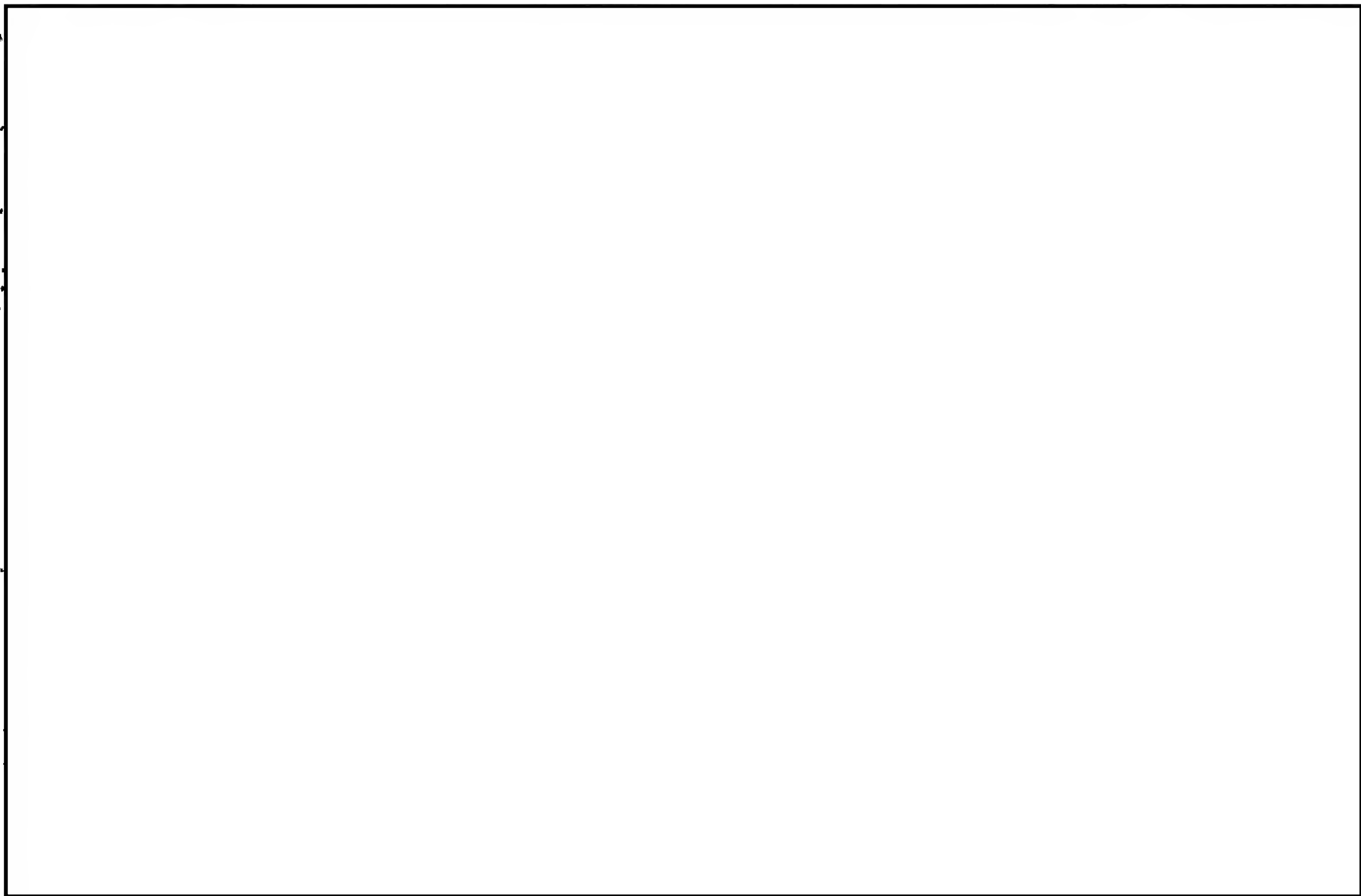
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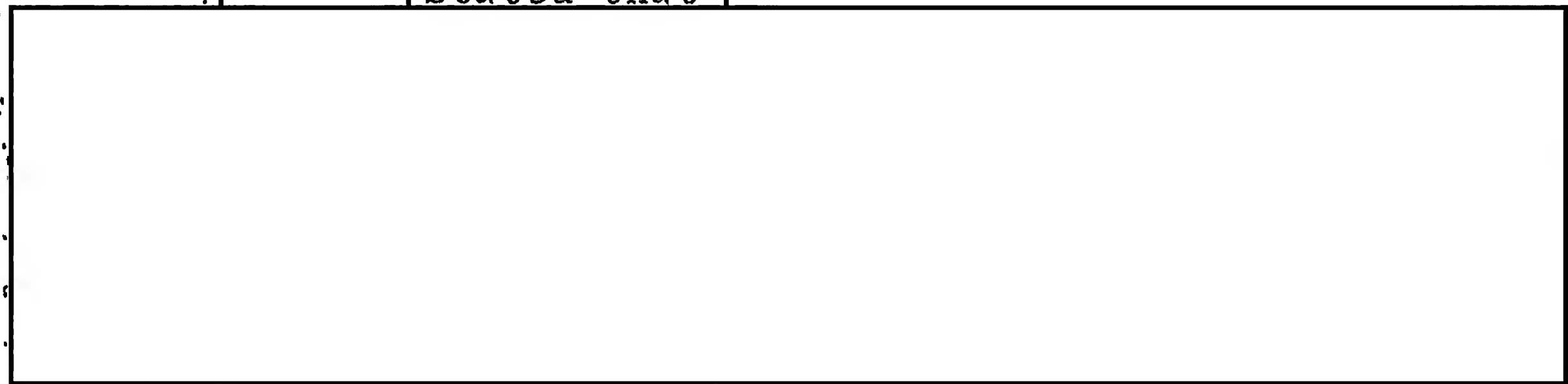
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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] was exhibited several photographs, and he identified the following individuals:

GUIDO FIDANZI;

[redacted];  
WILLIAM DAUBER, individual introduced as BILLY;

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
JAMES CATUARA, individual he had observed at the R & B Collection Agency; and  
[redacted] individual sitting in the Pontiac GTO.

He was unable to identify any photograph as being identical to [redacted]. He furnished the following physical description of [redacted]

Height	5'7"
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Slight
Hair	Dark, short "butch" type
Nationality	Italian

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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE  
Special Bomb and Arson Unit

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On unknown date (block stamped [redacted] the  
Illinois State Police Special Bomb and Arson Unit furnished  
Chicago Office with [redacted]  
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Information relayed to Assistant Commissioner  
DONALD SWOPE, State Savings and Loan Association Commission  
thru Commissioner HULMAN.  
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On 9/18/67, [redacted] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF  
that [redacted]  
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Extreme care should be utilized in the use of  
dissemination of any information furnished by this source since  
[redacted] is in an extremely sensitive position. Most of the  
information furnished by this [redacted] should only be set out in  
the cover pages of a report.

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On 10/4/67, [redacted] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH  
that [redacted]  
R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights,  
Illinois, [redacted] MANHATTAN MANAGEMENT and  
INTERCONTINENTAL INVESTMENT from the above address.

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Informant noted that GUIDO FIDANZI continues to frequent this location on a daily basis.

"Chicago Sun Times"  
4\* Final Edition  
10/11/67  
p.72,c.4

92-1371-196

"Pal of Rackets Boss Faces Tax Trial".

A collection agency owner reportedly associated with a South Suburban rackets boss was indicted Tuesday for income tax evasion.

The indictment was returned in U.S. District Court against GUIDO FIDANZI, 40, of 220 Arquilla Drive, of suburban Chicago Heights.

FIDANZI, owner of the R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, is an associate of key rackets figure JAMES (THE BOMBER) CATUARA, according to federal authorities.

FIDANZI filed a 1961 return when he paid \$126.43 on a stated income of \$375 altho his actual income was \$5,375, the indictment said.

In other counts he was charged with filing no returns from 1963 thru 1965 when his income was alleged to be \$35,629.

IDENT DIVISION

92-1371-192

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Co Jail Chicago Ill	Guido Fidanzi #188313	3-15-56	large (2) con game	3-15-56 bail given on chg of con game
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	10-14-59	confidence game	5-20-60 Case dismissed
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-19-60	(Confidence Game) DC	SOL on chg of DC
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	Confidence Game	
PD Homewood Ill	Guido Fidanzi #--	1-11-61	Obtaining money under false pretenses check	
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	2-20-60	confidence game	SOL
PD Chicago Heights Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #440-59	3-22-60	confidence game	nolle prosequere
Cook Co Sheriff's PD Bedford Park Argo Ill	Guido Joseph Fidanzi #38081-CR 2503-ID	12-30-65	T by deception	
USM Chgo Ill	Guido J. Fidanzi #67229	10-11-67	Income Tax Laws	

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Notations indicated by \* ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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CC-FBI  
Chgo Ill.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
<p>CC-FBI Chgo Ill.</p>	<p><i>[Faint, illegible text]</i></p>	<p><i>[Faint, illegible text]</i></p>	<p><i>[Faint, illegible text]</i></p>	<p><i>[Faint, illegible text]</i></p>

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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92-1371-200-p.1-3

On 10/19/67, [redacted] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he is acquainted with [redacted] having met him at the R & B Collection Agency in Chicago Heights, and at various gambling games. His true name is [redacted] advised that he was living in Chicago Heights because of a "con game" there that he became involved in. He also said he is an ex-con. Informant stated that the conversation he had with [redacted] reflected that the facts appeared identical and in complete agreement with the investigation conducted by this office regarding FIDANZI and others.

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Informant advised that he learned that WESTLEY FUNICELLO, who was murdered approximately six months ago, was killed [redacted] He was killed by

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[redacted] TOOTS and WILLIE PALERMO, and [redacted]. [redacted]  
[redacted] he was  
killed.

Informant advised that he had recently heard [redacted] [redacted] that CATUARA and the rest of the outfit is getting out of gambling operations because of the increased amount of police raids that have been forced by the federal agencies. The gamblers are told that they are on their own and the outfit will not protect them.

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"Chicago Tribune"  
3\* Final Edition  
10/19/67  
p.2,c.1,sec.29

92-1371-215

"Hood Pleads Not Guilty to Tax Evasion".

GUIDO FIDANZI, 40, a crime syndicate hoodlum, pleaded not guilty yesterday in Federal District Court to four counts of income tax evasion.

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FIDANZI of 22 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, was indicted Oct. 10 on charges of understating his 1961 income by \$5,000 and evading payment of \$1,027 in taxes. Three counts charged that FIDANZI did not file income tax returns in 1963, 1964, and 1965. The Government claims FIDANZI earned \$9,649 in 1963; \$11,240 in 1964; and \$14,740 in 1965. Judge EDWIN ROBSON set Dec. 6 for hearing of pre-trial motions.

FIDANZI, who has been arrested nine times but has never been convicted, has been identified as an associate of JAMES (JIMMY THE BOMBER) CATUARA, south suburban rackets boss, and FELIX (MILWAUKEE PHIL) ALDERISIO, a mob terrorist. If convicted, FIDANZI could be imprisoned for up to eight years and fined up to \$40,000.



Chicago, Illinois

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1967

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted]  
[redacted] He advised that  
he was acquainted with GUIDO FIDANZI [redacted]

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[redacted] He met at the R & B Collection Agency a JIMMY  
CATUARA who appeared to have some degree of power in the  
R & B, but seldom participated in any of the discussions  
regarding the money.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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On 10/26/67 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 92-1371 - 2.16

by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH / vel Date dictated 11/1/67

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[redacted] stated that he is currently residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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On unknown date (block stamped [REDACTED], the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished Chicago  
Office with a memo of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information from Confidential Source:

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[REDACTED]

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On unknown date (block stamped [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished Chicago  
Office [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Information from law enforcement officers of another  
agency:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 3/6/68, [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH



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that he had been in contact with a friend of his that is employed by [REDACTED]

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92-1360-259-p.4

On 3/7/68, [REDACTED] advised SA LENARD A. WOLF that JAMES CATUARA works for FRANK LA PORTE and that GUIDO FIDANZI and NICK D'ANDRE work for CATUARA.

[REDACTED]

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On 3/24; 4/22/68, [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that he had talked with an individual named [REDACTED] (LNU) who claimed to be an associate of GUIDO FIDANZI. FIDANZI is making statements to the effect that he will remain free on an appeal bond until Governor KERNER is given a Federal Judgeship at which time KERNER will reverse the conviction for income tax evasion. Informant pointed out that this is hearsay and he assumes that this is only FIDANZI's way of attempting to impress his criminal associates. Noted that FIDANZI's bond has been revoked and he is presently in jail.

"Chicago Sun Times"  
4\* Final Edition  
3/26/68  
p.6,c.1

87-30243-15

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# AS JUICE Racketeering

By Max Sonderby

Being defrauded of \$5,000 he paid in advance on a \$50,000 juice loan he never got did not discourage Donald Blazavier, 40, of Milwaukee, he said Monday in U.S. District Court here.

After losing the \$5,000, Blazavier said, he then went to work for the juice man and unwittingly became involved in cashing bad checks.

Blazavier, a witness in the income tax evasion trial of Guida Fidanzi, 40, of Chicago Heights, said he applied in 1964 to Fidanzi's World Wide Mortgage Co. in Wheeling for a \$50,000 loan to pay off \$40,000 in debts.

He said Fidanzi promised him the money if he paid \$5,000 in advance as the "banker's cut." Blazavier said he borrowed the \$5,000, from Dan Viola, an auto dealer friend in Kenosha,

\$9,000 check to the bank without advancing the change. That check bounced, too.

## Check-Cashing Ring

Police found a check-cashing ring. One man was arrested and convicted. Blazavier admitted being involved without his knowledge. The government also placed Viola on the stand. He testified that when he went to World Wide to try to get back the \$5,000 he loaned Blazavier, Fidanzi told him in reference to Blazavier and a fellow employee:

"Don't blow the whistle on these guys. They are dumb. But they are my horses and I need them."

Viola said Fidanzi then arranged for Blazavier to sign a note for the \$5,000 and give it to Viola, who went back to Kenosha. Viola said that was the last he heard of his money.

## Tax-Evasion Charge

Fidanzi is being tried before Judge William J. Lynch and a jury on charges of evading taxes from 1961 through 1965 on income of \$40,629. The government said he filed one return showing income of \$375 in 1961.

The court excluded all evidence of threats allegedly made to keep Blazavier in line.

Fidanzi is on the Chicago Crime Commission's list of hoodlums.

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Intelligence Unit  
Internal Revenue Service

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On 3/8/72, [redacted] Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Service advised SA J. CARLTON PARKER, JR., that GUIDO FIDANZI had been sentenced on 3/27/68 to imprisonment for 60 months with 36 months of that sentence being suspended.

"Chicago Sun Times"  
4\* Final Edition  
4/19/68  
p.12,c.1

92-1371-254

"Bond Revoked, FIDANZI Jailed".

Extortionist GUIDO FIDANZI was jailed Thursday after United States District Court Judge WILLIAM J. LYNCH revoked his \$10,000 appeal bond because of testimony that FIDANZI made torture threats.

Eleven persons testified that FIDANZI, who was sentenced by LYNCH last March 27 for income tax evasion, had threatened them. FIDANZI had been free on bond pending an appeal of the conviction.

Several of the witnesses testified that FIDANZI, 40, of 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, also threatened their children.

Said Judge LYNCH: "This court has heard enough evidence to be convinced that this man should be off the streets."

"He is a man of violence. He's quick tempered, he uses intemperate language and he's a menace to the community."

Witnesses who had dealings with FIDANZI pictured him as a hot-tempered, imaginative swindler who operated in several states thru a variety of business fronts, offering everything from color TV sets to houses of prostitution.

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On 4/25; 5/3 and 27/68, PCI [redacted] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that the Swiss Investment Company is closed. PCI [redacted] GUIDO FEDANZO is in jail on a federal charge. PCI [redacted] [redacted] but was unsuccessful.

[redacted]  
166-1226-4-p.21-22

On 5/7/68, [redacted] was interviewed by SAs RICHARD P. CAVANAGH and [redacted] and advised as follows:

EXCERPT:

[redacted]  
[redacted] and that FIDANZI was a hoodlum. [redacted] subsequently saw a newspaper article which indicated FIDANZI was a syndicate hoodlum who was involved in a big swindle in the Chicago area. This article indicated that witnesses were being protected for fear that FIDANZI would have them killed. [redacted]  
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On 6/24/68, PCI [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that [REDACTED] has been in contact with JAMES CATUARA and requested [REDACTED] since FIDANZI was working for him. CATUARA turned her down and is now very worried that FIDANZI may talk to the Government and get him indicted.

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On 7/23/68, Informant advised that he has no additional information on [REDACTED] attitude toward CATUARA but he is very doubtful that she would talk to the FBI because of her fear of the outfit.

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Memo to SAC, Chicago from SA [REDACTED]  
dated 7/2/68 re: [REDACTED] aka

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On 6/25/68, [REDACTED] Internal Revenue Service.

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EXCERPT:

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[REDACTED]  
92-1371-288

On 7/10/68, [REDACTED] advised SA JOHN J. OITZINGER that an attempt was made [REDACTED] JAMES CATUARA and [REDACTED] expressed displeasure upon being refused by both of the individuals. CATUARA is concerned over the possibility of FIDANZI becoming a Government witness and furnish testimony against him and others such as WILLIE "TOOTSIE" PALERMO, [REDACTED]

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CATUARA noted that FIDANZI had been transferred to a Federal Correctional institution in Texarkana, Arkansas where no hardened criminals are housed and is now in Sanstone Minnesota, awaiting a transfer to Terre Haute, Indiana. CATUARA surmised that FIDANZI is probably "talking" to the Government.

[REDACTED]  
PCI

92-1371-302

On 8/21 and 9/20/68, PCI [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that an associate of GUIDO FIDANZI told him that GUIDO had returned to the Cook County Jail. CATUARA has heard this report and is extremely worried that GUIDO is talking to the Government and that he may be indicted on one of the many frauds that he has received funds from.

[REDACTED]  
179-21-42-p.5

On 1/22/69, [REDACTED] furnished SA PETER J. WACKS, JR, on a confidential basis, [REDACTED] reflect information which will appear in the aforementioned booklet on individuals currently under investigation by the Chicago Office.

Name:	GUIDO J. FIDANZI
Aliases:	"THE WEED", JOHN AREALO, GUIDO FINANZI
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	42
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	190 lbs
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Residence:	220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois
Frequents:	Dorchester Club, 155th Street & Calumet Expressway, Dolton, Illinois



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Drivers Licence: F352-2902-7294  
Expires: 10/15/66  
Criminal History: FBI 311 369 D, Chicago Police Department  
Number IR 183488, ISP # 615806.  
Convicted in 1968 for Federal Income  
Tax Evasion. Sentenced to five years  
in the Federal Correctional Institute,  
Texarkana, Texas. Arrests since 1956  
for confidence game.

179-67-8-p.5

Report of SA PETER J. WACKS, JR., Chicago, dated  
1/31/69 re: CHARLES VINCENT LA TOUR, aka.

EXCERPT:

It should be also noted that [redacted] is  
the victim in the matter and is one of the primary subjects,  
along with GUIDO FIDANZI, a well-known Chicago hoodlum, in  
Chicago case entitled [redacted]

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[redacted] Chicago,  
Illinois - VICTIM - ITSP-FBW. OO: Chicago. Chicago file  
87-31268.

AUSA [redacted] advised that he was handling the  
[redacted] - FIDANZI Fraud by wire, ITSP, and Mail Fraud Case. He  
further advised that the USA's Office hoped for an indictment in  
the matter during June or July, 1969.

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On 10/10 and 21/69, PCI [redacted] advised SA THOMAS  
W. PARRISH he has learned from an unnamed customer at his  
motel that JIMMY CA'UARA' [redacted] associate [redacted]

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Informant advised that his source is of the opinion that this is purely a fraud-type scheme. It is similar to the same type of scheme formerly operated by GUIDIO FIDANZI prior to his incarceration in a federal prison.

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Report of SA CHARLES SETAR, Chicago, dated 1/19/70  
re: JAMES CATUARA, aka.

This information was obtained from the record of the IBT Company, Chicago, Illinois, upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. Numbers listed were calls made from the phone number 424-7411 on dates indicated, the subscriber being JAMES CATUARA, 9600 Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

CALLER	DATE OF CALL	NO. CALLED	NAME OF SUBSCRIBER
JAMES CATUARA	7/13/69 (2) 7/15/69 (1)	754-2738	GUIDO FIDANZI, 220 Arquilla Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois

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5/16/70  
p.14

92-1371-376

"FIDANZI To Get New Trial on Fraud Charges".

Chicago crime syndicate figure GUIDO FIDANZI was granted a new trial on a federal fraud conviction yesterday after he complained that his attorney encouraged him to plead guilty to receive an easier sentence.

FIDANZI had received a four-year sentence on the fraud charge to be served "when he completes his present five-year term for income tax evasion. FIDANZI complained that his attorney, GERALD WERKSMAN, told him he would get a concurrent, not consecutive sentence.

Federal Judge WILLIAM J. LYNCH vacated the sentence he had imposed on FIDANZI, 42, threw out the guilty plea, and ordered a contempt hearing for WERKSMAN.

Loan Involved

FIDANZI is charged with defrauding businessmen by



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promising to them loans, and then reneging on the promises after obtaining advance payments from the businessmen.

The judge ordered FIDANZI' case sent to the court' executive committee for reassignment to another judge. At the request of WERKSMAN' attorney, JOHN P. CROWLY, he also setta hearing against WERKSMAN for contempt to the committee for reassignment to another judge.

In doing so, Judge LYNCH remarked:

"This court finds that MR WERKSMAN was guilty of wilful misrepresentation to FIDANZI and therefore denied FIDANZI his rights and that MR WERKSMAN is thus unfit to represent MR FIDANZI and is discharged as his attorney."

WERKSMAN, as an assistant United States Attorney successfully prosecuted crime syndicate figures MARSHALL CAIFANO and RICHARD HAUFF.

[REDACTED]  
92-920-1928

On 8/23 and 9/21/71, [REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS W. PARRISH that the Chicago Heights Police Department continues to be dominated by the FRANK LA PORTE group. [REDACTED] is putting a lot of officers known to have hoodlum connections on the detective bureau. His latest appointment is [REDACTED] whose [REDACTED] convict GUIDO FIDANZI.

[REDACTED]  
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On 11/18/71, [REDACTED] advised SA VINCENT L. INSERRA that he was visited by JAMES CATUARA on the previous day and CATUARA is aware that GUIDO FIDANZI has been released from prison and Informant feels that there is still bad blood by between CATUARA and FIDANZI. The reason being that if FIDANZI decides to dooperate with the Government, FIDANZI is in a position to implicate CATUARA in a number of federal violations.

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Omaha teletype dated 12/24/71 re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
EXCERPT:  
          

Le Mars Sheriff' Office has contacted local authorities, Chicago and reported [REDACTED] works for one GUIDO FEDANZI.

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Memo to SAC, Milwaukee from SAC, Chicago, dated 2/16/72 re: [REDACTED] et al ITSP, stated that on 2/15/72 a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Illinois returned indictments against various individuals including: GUIDO FIDANZI.

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All named except FRANK FRATTO and FIDANZI were also indicted for violation of Title 18, Section 2314, USC.

"Chicago Sun Times"  
2/16/72  
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87-37363-34

Xerox follows.

# U.S. indicts 19 in

## \$1-million loan fee racket

By Art Petacque and Max Sonderby

Nineteen persons, including several crime syndicate figures and a minister, were indicted Tuesday in connection with a loan racket that allegedly netted more than \$1 million.

Syndicate members named by the federal grand jury in the 55-page indictment included Guido Fidanzi, James Catuara, Frank Fratto and William Dauber. The indictment charges that they and the others collected advance fees from 70 victims on promises to obtain mortgage and construction loans. U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson said the loans were not obtained and the fees never repaid. Among the victims were a number of churches and

other religious institutions and businessmen, the indictment said.

### False link to churches

The indictment said the corporate vehicle for the alleged swindle was a firm called Church of Christ Manors Inc. The indicted minister, the Rev. Cyrus E. Welsh, 52, of Madison, Wis., headed the firm as president when it was founded in 1967.

According to the indictment, the firm falsely represented that Church of Christ Manors Inc. was an agency of the Church of Christ denomination. The government charges that the firm's promotional material included financial statements of the Church of Christ and Christian Churches of America which showed assets of \$838 million. The Church of Christ Manors outfit had no access to the

church money, it was pointed out. But prospective loan clients often assumed that loans would be forthcoming from the church money, the government said.

Those indicted were charged with mail fraud, fraud by wire, interstate transportation of stolen money and conspiracy.

### Ex-prosecutor indicted

Others indicted were the following:

STANLEY DURKA

Stanley Durka, a Watscka (Ill.) lawyer and a former Iroquois County assistant state's attorney; Alex Gaus Jr., 48, of Arlington Heights, described as the scheme's chief promoter; Anthony Gizzi, of Silver Spring, Md., and Daniel Jerome, 63, of Minneapolis.

Also, James Micucci, 39, of Elmwood Park, Robert Oslander, no known address, Louis Rosanova, 49, of Mount Prospect; Stanley

Schulman, 36, of San Diego; M. D. Scott, of New York City; George Stanaszek, 49, of Ingleside, Ill.; Charles Verive, 41, of Phoenix, Ariz.; his brother, Louis Verive, 46, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Chester Weisinger, of Bedford Hills, N.Y., and Charles York, 48, of Lodi, Calif.

Rosanova and the Verive brothers have been linked to crime syndicate hoodlums by federal investigators in the past.

The grand jury acted on information provided by the Special Investigations Unit of the office of U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson. The unit is headed by Asst. U.S. Atty. Samuel R. Skinner.

In addition to the 19 indicted, the grand jury named 23 persons as unindicted co-conspirators.

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87-24944-21

"Sheriff's Bailiff Fired, Accused of Extortion"

A Sheriff's Bailiff was fired Thursday by Sheriff RICHARD B. OGILVIE and then arrested and charged with official misconduct, aiding and abetting crime.

Police identified him as ROBERT BANKS, 26, of 30008 Stratford, Markham, a patronage employee.

Also arrested Thursday and charged with extortion in the case was ALPHONE CIOFFI, 35, of 3212 Enterprise Park, South Chicago Heights, Illinois.

A warrant also was issued for the arrest of GUIDO FIDANZI of Chicago Heights, a partner with BANKS in the R & B Collection Agency, 1020 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Police said the trio is involved in the theft by threat of \$8,000 last November from EDWARD GOETZ, 40, of 132 Indianwood, Thornton, involving the sale of 40 color TV sets. The merchandise was never delivered, GOETZ told police.

GOETZ said he was warned several times that if he didn't stop inquiring about delivery of the sets which he planned to resell, he would be killed.